Candidates appeared in RRB Examination

†1976. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the State-wise details of the percentage of candidates from Bihar and other States having aspired to take the suspended examination of the Railway Recruitment Board in Assam last month?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): Railway Recruitment Board does not maintain State-wise details of candidates, as the examinations are conducted in respect of all the eligible candidates applying for notified posts.

Late running of Gomti Express

†1977. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that due to having one rake for Gomti Express train running between Lucknow and New Delhi, this train runs late for many hours and if this train becomes late any day, it remains late for a week;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government are formulating any plan to construct other rake; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The punctuality of 2419/2420 Lucknow-New Delhi Gomti Express has been affected mainly due to alarm chain pulling, hose pipe disconnection and other miscreant activities. In addition provision of additional stoppages is another factor affecting punctuality of this train.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.